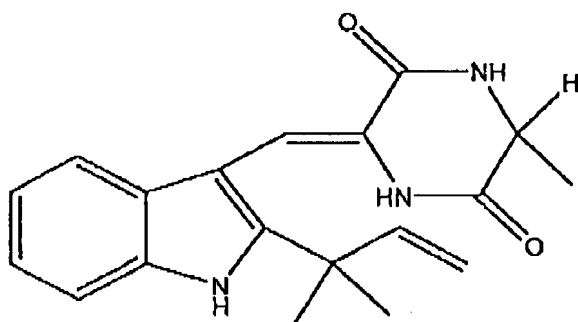


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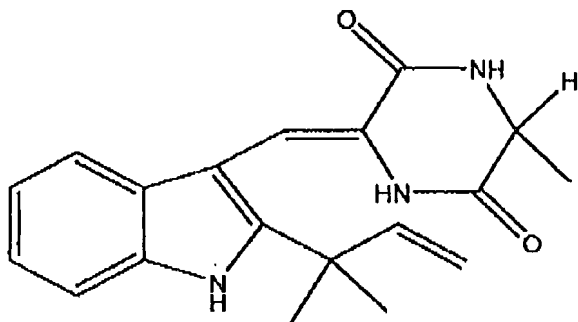
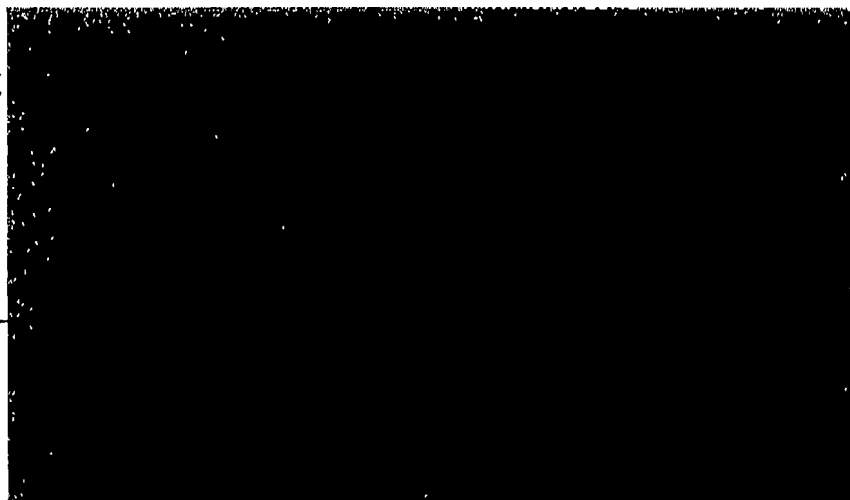
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) An isolated compound denoted 3,1'-didehydro-3 [2'' (3''', 3'''-dimethyl -- prop - 2 - enyl) - 3''- indolyl methylene]-6 - methylpiperazine-2,5-dione, represented by a general formula $C_{19}H_{21}O_2N_3$ and having the structural formula as shown in Figure-1 below:



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2. (Previously presented) A method for treating a *Vibrio cholerae* infection in a patient in need of treatment thereof, comprising the administration of an effective, antimicrobial amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1.
3. (Currently Amended) A process for isolating 3,1'-didichydro-3 [2'' (3'', 3'''- dimethyl -- prop -- 2 - enyl) - 3''- indolyl methylene]-6 - methylpiperazine-2,5-dione as in Figure-1 below:



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from a fungus *Penicillium chrysogenum*, said process comprising the steps:

- a) growing *Penicillium chrysogenum* in a fermentation broth comprising potato dextrose agar, sea water and distilled water;
- b) extracting the fermentation broth with a solvent to obtain the filtrate;
- c) evaporating the filtrate of step (b) to obtain a crude extract;
- d) isolating the impure chrysogenazine from the crude extract of step (c) by chromatographic fractionation, and
- e) purifying the impure chrysogenazine of step (d) using gel chromatography to obtain the pure chrysogenazine,

wherein the *Penicillium chrysogenum* is *Penicillium chrysogenum*, bearing accession No. MTCC 5108.

4. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 3, wherein in step (a), seawater and distilled water is mixed in 1:1 ratio.
5. (Previously presented) A process as claimed in claim 3, wherein in step (b), the solvent is selected from chloroform or ethyl acetate.
6. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 5, wherein the solvent is chloroform.
7. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 3, wherein in step (c), the evaporation is performed under vacuum.
8. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 3, wherein in step (d), the chromatographic fractionation is performed by column chromatography and thin layer chromatography.
9. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 8, wherein silica gel chromatography is used for fractionation.
10. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 9, wherein in silica gel chromatography the eluent used is mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate.
11. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 9, wherein in the chromatography the adsorbent used is silica gel with a pore size of 60-120Å.
12. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 3, wherein in step (e), the adsorbent used in gel chromatography is Sephadex LH-20.
13. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 3, wherein in step (e), chloroform and methanol mixture is used as an eluent in gel chromatography.

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14. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 13, wherein the chloroform and methanol are mixed in 1:1 ratio.
15. (Cancelled)
16. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.